

# **FISCAL NOTE**

## **HB 498 - SB 1061**

February 25, 2005

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Increases from Class A misdemeanor to Class E felony punishment for first offense stalking and from Class E felony to Class D felony punishment for second offense stalking involving different victims.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures - \$549,100/Incarceration\***

**Decrease Local Govt. Expenditures – Exceeds \$100,000**

**Decrease Local Govt. Revenues – Not Significant**

Assumptions:

- 100 convictions elevated from a Class A misdemeanor to a Class E felony for the first offense of stalking.
- 4 convictions elevated from a Class E felony to a Class D felony for the second offense of stalking.
- Local government expenditures for incarceration and revenues from fines will decrease when first offense stalking is elevated from a misdemeanor to a felony offense.

*\*Section 9-6-119, TCA, requires that: For any law enacted after July 1, 1986, which results in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state facilities, there shall be appropriated from recurring revenues the estimated operating cost of such law.*

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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